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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 270

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 30, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Occupational Certification Requirements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Arnold

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Tincher

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *EMSC Membership*- The bill adds: (1) a program director for an advanced life support training institution; and (2) the deputy executive director who manages the division of preparedness and training of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as members of the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC).

EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections- The bill amends various provisions concerning certification and licensing requirements for: (1) emergency medical dispatchers (EMDs) and dispatch agencies; (2) regulated amusement device inspectors; and (3) boiler and pressure vessel (BPV) inspectors.

Deletions and EMD Certification Repeal- The bill deletes obsolete provisions. The bill repeals provisions concerning certification requirements for emergency medical dispatchers and dispatch agencies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *EMSC Membership*- This provision would minimally increase the expenditures of the EMSC. Under current law, the members of EMSC must meet at least four times per year and are entitled to travel expense reimbursement. Members that are not state employees are also entitled to a salary per diem.

EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections- EMDs- The use of approved programs for certification of EMD agencies could mitigate costs to the DHS to certify this profession.

Amusement Ride Safety Officials- The provision would allow the Fire Prevention and Building

Safety Commission (FPBSC) to approve another organization to provide certification for a level one amusement ride safety official. The FPBSC would likely be able to approve of another certification organization other than NAARSO within the course of regular business meetings.

BPV Inspections- The Fire and Building Safety Division (FBSD) would be given the authority to inspect BPVs with lapsed operating permits. Currently, the FBSD does not have the authority to conduct the inspection on a BPV with a lapsed permit. Therefore, if a third-party contractor via an insurance agency does not conduct an inspection a BPV currently may go without inspection. The bill does not make an appropriation; therefore, if the FBSD conducts more BPV inspections, they would have to conduct the inspections within their existing level of resources.

EMD Certification Repeal- There would be no fiscal impact as a result of the removal of the requirement for EMDs to be personally certified. Certification rules were not adopted. EMDs on an individual basis are not currently certified.

Background- There were 924 amusement ride inspections made during 2007.

Explanation of State Revenues: BPV Inspections- If more BPVs are inspected by the FBSD, fee revenue would increase. Fees for BPV inspections are placed in the Fire and Building Service Fund. The amount of revenue for FY 2008 totaled \$935,625. The amount of revenue that could be generated by additional inspections is unknown, as the current fee structure depends on the size of the heating surface area and BPV.

Background- BPV Inspections- There are currently 9,786 BPVs with a lapsed operating permit. There were 26,672 inspections performed during 2007. There are approximately 80,000 BPVs in the state.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DHS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Department of Homeland Security 2007 Annual Report*; Mara Snyder, DHS.

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